

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 12-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 6, 9 and 14 are amended and claim 10 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 5, 9 and 14 can be found at least at page 34, lines 7-21 of the specification. Support for the amendment to claim 6 can be found at least at page 36, lines 9-13 of the specification. Thus, no new matter is added.

I. Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,329,390 (Fujiwara); and rejects claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujiwara in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,223,308 (Baraff). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The applied references fail to disclose and would not have rendered obvious "an image record layer on which an image is recorded upon application of exposure light, a wavelength range of the exposure light being outside a visible wavelength range," as recited by independent claim 1 and similarly recited by independent claims 5, 9 and 14.

The Office Action alleges that Fujiwara discloses in Fig. 1 and at col. 5, lines 15-30 an exposure light. However, Fujiwara fails to disclose that the wavelength range of its exposure light is outside a visible wavelength range. Thus Fujiwara fails to disclose the above-quoted feature. Baraff fails to at least cure this deficiency of Fujiwara.

The applied references also fail to disclose and would not have rendered obvious "wherein the control section controls the light application section and the voltage application section so that exposure light is applied to the plurality of placed image record media and the image write voltage is applied to the plurality of placed image record media at the same time

to record the same visible image on each of the image record media by using the transmitted exposure light, which is transmitted through the functional layer," as recited by claim 6.

Fujiwara discloses at col. 3, lines 46-61 that light transmitted through the absorption layer is only 0.3% of the visible light transmittance. Thus, because Fujiwara merely discloses a 0.3% incidental light transmittance, Fujiwara fails to disclose any use of the alleged transmitted exposure light, as recited above. Baraff fails to at least cure this deficiency of Fujiwara.

Therefore, independent claims 1, 5, 9 and 14 and claim 6 are patentable over the applied references. Claims 2, 4, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 15-19 are patentable at least for their various dependencies from the independent claims, as well as for the features they recite. The rejection of claim 10 is rendered moot due to cancellation.

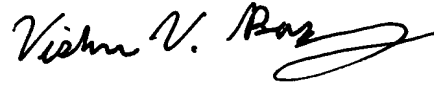
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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